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Tiger Woods to break silence

APPEARANCE Tiger Woods will end nearly three months of silence tomorrow when he speaks publicly for the first time since his middle-of-the-night car accident that sparked stunning revelations of infidelity.

However, his agent said Woods will not take any questions from a small group of media.

"This is not a press conference," Mark Steinberg said yesterday.

It will be Woods' first public appearance since Nov. 27, when he crashed his SUV into a tree outside his Florida home.

"He wants to begin the process of making amends and that's what he's going to discuss," Steinberg said.

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Tiger Woods



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'Go live' date nears for Plan It

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DEVELOPMENT April 1 is "go live" time for Plan It Calgary.

What to do come April 2 and beyond is now the task at hand, according to Ald. Brian Pincott.

Aldermen at yesterday's land use planning and transportation committee meeting approved the implementation strategy for Plan It — a municipal development plan that will effectively transform the way Calgary grows for the next 60 years.

"What we heard today was across the board — from administration, from the public ... as well as industry — that we have a really good implementation plan in place, that we can actually, on April 1 ... go live," said Pincott.

Pincott said as of that date, planning aspects, such as new density thresholds, creating walkable communities, growing the city while limiting sprawl, transportation infrastructure growth and peripheral development issues, would be governed by the legally binding document.

"Going live means that from that point on, our planning process has to start reflecting Plan It Calgary," said Pincott.

The implementation plan outlines a framework for monitoring adherence and progress for Plan It and the Calgary Transportation plan, and also looks at public consultation and education.

The implementation plan still needs final approval from council on Monday.

Burden of proof

Man says he must prove he wasn't home to fight dog-at-large ticket

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Guilty until proven innocent?

A Calgary man who says he is being forced to fight a dog-at-large bylaw ticket is upset the onus is on him to prove his innocence.

Rob Stanton said he was at home when a bylaw officer came to his house Jan. 4, asking for his photo identification and saying they had received a complaint his dog was at large over Christmas.

"I'm irate because I have a black dog and it could have been any dog ... I'm not sure where the proof is and why it's on me to prove I'm innocent." Rob Stanton, defendant

After writing a warning ticket, which Stanton refused, the bylaw officer issued him a \$100 ticket, Stanton said.

"I'm irate because I have a black dog and it could have been any dog and where is the proof? I was in Okotoks the day she said the dog was outside, and that was eleven days

before she gave me the ticket."

Stanton took a day off work to first address the ticket. Now has to fight it in June with his brother as proof he was in Okotoks when the allegation was made.

"Unless the person has photo evidence — and it's rare to take someone who says so on their word only," Bruce said.

"If I don't think the evidence is there, I should be able to withdraw the ticket."

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Bylaw director Bill Bruce said it's being investigated, because warnings are usually given before tickets — which require proof or the complainant to appear in court.

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"If I don't think the evidence is there, I should be able to withdraw the ticket."



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GROUNDED Poor weather and bad logistics have stopped Premier Ed Stelmach from making it to Vancouver for Alberta Day at the Winter Olympics. The premier's flight was to leave Edmonton early yesterday but fog forced him to go by car to Calgary to start his flight. More delays and a long lineup of flight departures forced Stelmach to abandon his trip. **METRO CALGARY**

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Ald. Ric McIver will ask council to review speed limits on city bike paths — and it could allow bikers to travel at higher speeds when others aren't around.

Review of cycle speeds sought

Ald. wants flexibility on paths

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One size doesn't fit all. One speed doesn't fit all, either, according to a city alderman.

Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver will ask council on Monday to review bike pathway speed limits he says are currently not working, according to what he hears back from path users.

But the 20 km/h speed limit isn't too fast. In fact, in some cases it's not fast enough, he says.

"I've heard from cyclists that the limits are too low and are not working. Alternatively, people don't want to be passed that fast either. One size doesn't fit all."

McIver is proposing cyclists be able to go faster

than 20 km/h when there isn't anyone near, and slow down to perhaps 10 km/h when passing path users.

"This is about finding a solution for everybody, because the current bylaws are not working and it affects everyone."

Avid bike user and owner of BikeBike, Sean Carter says he wholeheartedly supports McIver's motion.

"In a lot of cases the speed limit is only 10 km and that's not very fast. You don't have to be very fit to cycle that fast, you can even run faster than that," Carter said.

"So I would agree with the idea of allowing people to go faster when no one is around and as for slowing down, I think the majority of cyclists do that anyway."

Construction safety committee mulls weather advisory

WARNINGS Exploring the feasibility of an early warning weather system is the first move of a construction safety committee formed after a young girl died last year from falling debris.

The City of Calgary and the Calgary Construction Association formed a construction site safety committee to address safety issues on and near construc-

tion sites, according to the city's chief building official Kevin Griffiths, and the first move is to look at the feasibility of a third party to provide an early warning weather system.

"We're looking to find proactive ways to ensure the safety of citizens and construction workers so future safety accidents don't occur," Griffiths said.

Report timeline

- Calgary's chief building official Kevin Griffiths said the committee hopes a potential early warning system feasibility report will be back within three months.

Griffiths said the early weather warning system would in theory provide

construction sites advance notice of upcoming storms so everything could be secured properly.

The committee was formed after three-year-old Michelle Krsek was killed on Aug. 1, 2009 when she was struck with a piece of debris from a downtown construction site during a windstorm.

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Police work led to confession in 1992 murder

An Alberta Mountie says steady police work over nearly 20 years led to a confession in the murder of a man who was sightseeing in the Rocky Mountains. Michael Desmarais pleaded guilty last week to the second-degree murder of Gordon Mills in July 1992 in Crowsnest Pass. **METRO CALGARY**

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Mom auctions art for mental health

APRIL STUART
for Metro Calgary

Kathy Briant described her daughter Shannon Morgan as "social, warm and friendly."

But mental illness took its toll on Morgan, leading her to take her own life last year at the age of 33.

Despite seeking help from therapists and counsellors and trying countless medications to calm her depression, agoraphobia, and obsessive-compulsive disorder, Briant said her daughter, a visual artist, eventually gave up.

"I was never really unhappy that she took her life — I was never angry at her ... but it's the loss," said Briant.

"She's now free, and my second thought was, 'So am I!'"

Briant has since found a way to deal with her grief. She discovered a hidden



Kathy Briant holds one of her daughter's paintings, called *Venus Rising* — one of the pieces in a collection showcased this weekend at Venturion Art Gallery.

art collection while clearing out her daughter's apartment a week after she had died.

Since then, Briant's been

hard at work gathering the collection for a showing at Venturion Art Gallery this weekend.

Briant believed her

daughter had talent and didn't want her daughter's art to collect dust sitting in her closet.

"Not only is the suicide

not right, that's not right," said Briant through tears. "If she's not alive, at least her art can be."

Briant hopes to "have some good come out of this" by donating proceeds from her daughter's art to aid others suffering from agoraphobia.

Venturion Art Gallery has provided space for Morgan's work to be displayed over this coming weekend, and local photographer Ian Staples, who was a friend of Morgan's, helped frame all the pieces that will be shown at no charge.

Showings will be held Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Morgan's work can be viewed and purchased at Venturion Art Gallery 104, 214 – 11 Ave. SE.

Proceeds will go to the Canadian Mental Health Association.

News in brief

PETS Calgarians are being warned about a deadly disease putting the city's dogs at risk after two dogs were euthanized after contracting the canine parvo virus. Calgary Humane Society officials say two surrendered dogs and one stray tested positive with the virus last week, and are concerned about more cases popping up in the city.

ASSAULT One man is in custody and police are seeking another in connection with a serious assault at the Calgary Remand Centre in December. A man waiting for dinner at the centre was attacked by two other men and has since been in hospital and remains in poor condition. Police are seeking Jimmy Nguyen, 19, on an Alberta-wide warrant for aggravated assault.

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Rental market safe despite mortgage changes: Group

HOUSING Calgary renters may keep paying the landlord a little longer since the federal government announced changes affecting first-time home buyers, according to the Calgary Apartment Association.

The changes, unveiled Tuesday, include a requirement of up to 20 per cent down-payments for home purchases, instead of the current five.

Calgary Apartment Association executive director Gerry Baxter doesn't expect an influx of renters as most prospective homebuyers are already in rentals.

"I think for some folks it will mean a longer stay where they are renting, until they are ready. They might have intended to leave sooner but will just stay a bit longer," Baxter said.

Baxter predicts the city's rental vacancy rate is anywhere between five to seven per cent, so he expects a variety of choices for renters.

"There are lots of choices out there for renters. I don't expect there to be added pressure on the rental market because of this," Baxter added.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Sisters pitch tents to pitch in for Haiti

AID "Tents for Haiti" are all two Airdrie sisters have on their minds these days.

The Haacke siblings, aged five and 11, have spent their spare time rallying the community to raise as many tents as possible for the earthquake-ravaged region, according to their proud father Chris.

"I am so proud of them and excited for them. The community has really stepped up to help out and it was all their idea," Haacke explained.

Older sister Caitlin got the idea to collect used tents when she saw Haiti's president Rene Preval pleading for donations on television after the earth-



Sydney and Caitlin Haacke

quake, and then solicited the help of her sister, Sydney.

"Their president hopes that people will donate 200,000 tents and he said

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he will live in one too as long as his people have to," Caitlin said, adding she hopes to raise 3,000 tent donations.

So far the kids have raised about 40 tents, but with the help of the community they hope to raise many more. Once they are finished on Feb. 28, AMJ Campbell Van Lines has offered to help get the tents to Haiti.

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Regina woman missing for six weeks may have headed for Calgary

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
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SEARCH Six weeks after a mentally ill Regina woman disappeared, her family is pleading for western neighbours to bring her home.

"She could have gone that way — all things are

possible right now," Ryland Walters-Firnesz said, in a public plea to help recover her missing mother.

Though Carlene Walters didn't retain any lasting physical effects from a car crash in September, the 53-year-old was never the same, relatives say.

Severe social phobia

made looming medical appointments terrifying, Walters-Firnesz said. She's certain an afternoon visit to the doctor on Dec. 30 was reason enough for her mother to flee. Save for a sighting from a Regina transit opera-

tor that day, nobody has seen Carlene Walters since.

Police have contacted homeless shelters in both Edmonton and Calgary, with no sign of the missing woman.

Walters could have set her sights

on Calgary, home to one of her sisters. Since the accident, Walters has fled multiple times, her daughter said.

"She would say she's 'heading out of town.' But she didn't know why, or where," Walters-Firnesz said. "Past behaviour predicts future behaviour."

CalgaryObits.com notes the following deaths in our community:

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Games cauldron row on the boil

But will new viewing platform end complaints over chain-link fence?

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

The Olympic cauldron is even more ready for prime time. Or so Games organizers say.

The Vancouver officials have opened a rooftop viewing platform to give the public a better look at the cauldron.

They hope it will stem controversy over its location behind a chain-link fence. It may not.

Yesterday people were still angry a fence was put up in the first place.

"I would love it if they took down the fence," said Scott Crisp, who came to Vancouver from Victoria.

"It seems a little obscure

there would be a fence in front of the flame."

Now, about 150 people at a time can go up to the new platform on the roof of a one-storey building beside the plaza that is home to the 2010 cauldron.

The fence that infuriated those who wanted to have a look at the Games icon will remain, however.

But it will be moved closer to the cauldron, allowing a better view.

Thousands of Olympic fans have been filing past the flame, which was lit by hockey legend Wayne Gretzky at the Games' opening ceremonies.

Most were surprised to find it originally behind a fence covered in blue-and-green Olympic bunting.

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A spectator views the Olympic cauldron through a hole in the hated chain-link fence yesterday.

Tories slapped over Khadr move

TERROR Opposition parties slammed the government yesterday for asking the U.S. to withhold any Canadian-gathered evidence against Omar Khadr, the accused terrorist held at the military prison in Guantanamo Bay.

NDP Leader Jack Layton called it a "slap in the face" to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The court ruled last month the government violated Khadr's constitutional rights by questioning him in U.S. custody.

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Canadians leery of Haiti costs: Poll

A new poll suggests Canadians are leery about the federal government shouldering the cost of long-term rebuilding in Haiti. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Vancouver Colbert in Canada

Late-night comedian Stephen Colbert, right, and Canadian singer Michael Bublé sing the Canadian National Anthem during the Colbert Report yesterday at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games.

Premiers head to U.S.

Seven Canadian premiers descend upon the U.S. capital this week for the winter meeting of the influential National Governors Association, where they'll sit down with their state-side counterparts and some key members of President Barack Obama's cabinet.

The premiers of Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island are in town for the first-ever meeting of the governors association and its Canadian counterpart, the Council of the Federation.

The governors' meetings often serve as a guiding

NAFTA gripes

• Canada and Mexico have complained to the World Trade Organization that the Americans are violating NAFTA with labelling practices, and Canadian meat producers have suffered under the rules since many U.S. processors will no longer buy meat or livestock from Canada.

policy light for both Congress and the White House. The premiers will get their moment in the spotlight with two roundtables being held on Saturday focused on energy and the environment.

Alberta's oilsands, which are unpopular among some key congressional Democrats, are certain to be a hot topic of discussion. Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach isn't attending the meeting, citing a previous commitment.

A meeting Friday with Lisa Jackson, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, could prove the most fruitful. With greenhouse gas legislation stalled in Congress following the Democrats' recent loss of their filibuster-proof majority in the U.S. Senate, the EPA is threatening to regulate carbon emissions if lawmakers won't.

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New rituals of goodbye

Relating

Steve Collins

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Modern life is geographically scattered, computer mediated and subject to change without notice. When it's time to say goodbye, tradition can't always tell us how to say it.

On Christmas Day, a favourite aunt died. She'd been deprived by illness of her faculties years ago. We had already been forced to make our peace with losing this funny, lively woman. When it came, the final goodbye was more of a formality, and no funeral was held.

I understood the decision of my uncle, who had spent the last years caring for her, largely alone, when she could no longer do so herself. There was little left to be

"It's funny how these improvised

I said goodbye **arrangements over** to someone I'd never met. **the years can enter** One of the **the very warp and,** posters on an **uh, woof of one's** Internet message board I **life."**

frequent died young and suddenly, leaving people who had known him only from words on the screen in a distinctive blue font suddenly wrestling with a weird sort of grief.

The site itself is no encounter group. Its denizens pride themselves on a coarse, flame-happy humour and level of discourse about as low as found anywhere on the Net. Those

who had given him the hardest time online, however, were among those most stunned by his death.

One poster took up a collection to defray funeral expenses and sent a wreath on our behalf to his family, and another drove two hours and across the border to the service itself, to give the rest of us a first-hand account of the send-off for our friend we'd never met. The acquaintance was virtual but the loss strangely real.

On Valentine's Day, I lost an old dog who was sort of mine. Courtesy of the jury-rigged terms of a family split, he spent his weekends with us, leaving the suburbs for a downtown apartment.

(I wrote a eulogy for a friend's dog last summer in this column, and I promise not to make a habit of canine obits, but please bear with me.)

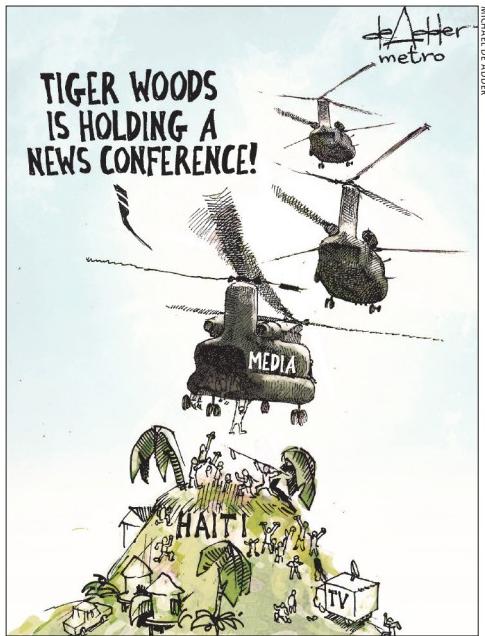
It's funny how these improvised arrangements over the years can enter the very warp and, uh, woof of one's life. New routines and rhythms emerge, and they soon feel like they've always been there. The apartment is too quiet now, and the leash lies on a chair, never again to promise a walk and elicit frantic jumps with its jingle.

There was no funeral, just sad practicalities. I wrapped him in a bedsheets and carried him to the car and the animal hospital, honoured to be his pallbearer.

The rituals may change, but goodbye never does.

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A New Jersey jury has hit pharmaceutical company Hoffman-La Roche, maker of acne drug Accutane, with a \$25.16-million US judgment in a lawsuit filed by an Alabama man who blamed the drug for his inflammatory bowel disorder. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World

Eight of 10 U.S. missionaries released

HAITI Eight American missionaries charged with child kidnapping have been freed from a Haitian jail. The group, looking bedraggled and sweat-soaked, walked out of the Haitian jail just after dusk yesterday. Escorted by U.S. diplomats, they were taken to an American field hospital inside the airport. Once they were inside a transport vehicle they flashed smiles and gave a thumbs up.

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Cheerful slogans pepper Baghdad, but most are uneasy about dark days ahead of pending elections. Scan this code for the story.



Court suspends results of election

Ukraine's presidential election results giving the victory to Russia-friendly Viktor Yanukovich were suspended yesterday pending review of his rival's appeal. Ukraine's Administrative Court said it would rule on the appeal of Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, left, by Feb. 25, when lawmakers had planned to inaugurate Yanukovich. Tymoshenko has refused to concede, claiming the election was tainted by fraud.

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France tries to make amends in Haiti

Former colonizers offer \$400M in aid, forgive debt as Sarkozy visits Port-au-Prince

Haiti Crisis

Nicolas Sarkozy promised \$400 million US in aid for quake-stricken Haiti yesterday as he made the first visit ever by a French president to what was once his nation's richest colony.

"I want only to say to the Haitian people, 'You are not alone,'" Sarkozy said at a news conference on the grounds of Haiti's National Palace, one of many government buildings shattered by Paris from the world's first black republic.

The debt hobbled Haiti for much of its history.

Some Haitians see France's renewed interest in their nation as a counter-balance to the U.S., which has sent troops there three times in the past 16 years. But Sarkozy's visit is also reviving bitter memories of the crippling costs of Haiti's 1804 independence.

Some people handed out fliers in the streets protesting Sarkozy's visit and blaming France for enslaving Haiti.

Sarkozy acknowledged the "wounds of colonization" during comments at the undamaged French Embassy.



French President Nicolas Sarkozy greets earthquake survivors in Port-au-Prince yesterday.

History

In 1825, crippled by an international embargo, Haiti agreed to pay France 150-million francs for the lost "property" — including slaves — of French plantation owners. Haiti did not finish paying the debilitating debt until 1947.

Sarkozy said Haiti needs a reconstruction plan that bolsters the outlying provinces to help shift people away from Port-au-Prince, the Caribbean's most densely populated capital. He said one reason the death toll was so high was that the city was not built to sustain such a large population.

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Three Malaysian women caned for extramarital sex

KUALA LUMPUR Authorities in Malaysia caned three Muslim women for having extramarital sex, making them the first women in the country to receive such punishment under Islamic law, an official said yesterday.

Each woman received between four and six strokes of a rattan cane, the official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to make public statements.

Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein announced the caning earlier yesterday.

He did not release details of their identities or

Intrusion?

The caning of women has fueled debate about whether Islamic conservatism was intruding into people's personal lives in moderate Muslim-majority Malaysia. Another woman, Kartika Sari Dewi Shukarno, a 32-year-old mother of two, was sentenced to caning last year for drinking beer.

when they had been sentenced but said that one of the women was released last week after spending a month in prison.

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Taliban using human shields

AFGHANISTAN Taliban fighters holding out in the town of Marjah are increasingly using civilians as human shields, firing from compounds where U.S. and Afghan forces can clearly see women and children on rooftops or in windows, Afghan and U.S. troops said yesterday.

The intermingling of fighters and civilians also has been witnessed by Associated Press journalists. It is part of a Taliban effort to exploit strict NATO rules against endangering innocent lives to impede the allied advance through the town in Helmand province.

Two more NATO service members were killed in the Marjah operation yes-

7 Six NATO service members and an Afghan soldier have killed in the battle for Marjah.

terday, the alliance said in a statement without identifying them by nationality.

Their deaths brought to six NATO service members and one Afghan soldier who have been killed since the attack on Marjah, the hub of the Taliban's southern logistics and drug-smuggling network, began Saturday.

About 40 insurgents have been killed, Helmand Gov. Gulab Mangal said.

NATO spokesman Brig.

Gen. Eric Tremblay of Canada told journalists in Belgium that most of the objectives have been achieved.

"Perhaps the pocket in the western side of Marjah still gives freedom of movement to the Taliban, but that is the extent of their movement," he said.

Brig. Gen. Mohiuddin Ghori, the brigade commander of Afghan troops in Marjah, said in some cases women and children may have been ordered to stand on a roof or in a window of buildings where Taliban fighters are shooting.

"They are trying to get us to fire on them and kill the civilians," Ghori said.

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News in brief

ITALY The Shroud sells. That seems to be how celebrations are shaping up in the former Olympic city of Turin, when the archdiocese this spring displays the Shroud of Turin, revered by many Christians as Jesus Christ's burial cloth. At least one-million reservations from around the world have already poured in to secure three to five minutes to

admire the cloth that has fascinated pilgrims and scientists alike, organizers of the April 10 to May 23 showing said yesterday.

BRITAIN Police say they have arrested a TV reporter on suspicion of murder after he claimed to have smothered his dying lover in an act of mercy. Ray Gosling said this week on the BBC that he killed the man, who had AIDS, to end his suffering.

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A fragment of a 1,100-year-old plaque with a rare Arabic inscription was found during a home renovation in Jerusalem's Old City, offering insight into the city's history under Muslim rule. It dates from a time when Jerusalem was ruled from Baghdad by the Abbasid empire. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hero's return for ElBaradei

Egyptians look for reforms

Egyptians plan to give the former UN nuclear chief Mohamed ElBaradei a hero's welcome when he returns home for a visit tomorrow, expressing high hopes he might challenge the longtime president for power and usher in an era of democratic reform.

A local opposition newspaper printed flight details for the arrival of the former chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency under the headline Baradei Returns to rally people to meet him at the airport. Columnists banged out lists of his achievements.

"With the return of Mohamed ElBaradei, the number of freedom fighters in Egypt will increase," George Ishaq, co-founder of Kifaya, Egypt's main pro-democracy movement,



Mohamed ElBaradei

wrote in the opposition paper, Duster.

Egypt has been ruled for nearly 30 years by Hosni Mubarak, who appears to be trying to set up a political dynasty by grooming his son to succeed him.

Respected worldwide, El-

Baradei, who won the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize, could be the most credible opposition leader to emerge as this country prepares for 2011 presidential elections.

In an open letter responding to an effort by young Egyptians urging him to run for president,

ElBaradei has said he would only join the race if guaranteed that elections would be free, fully supervised by the judiciary and monitored by the international community.

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A Japanese bride passes by women to participate in a mass wedding ceremony in Goyang, South Korea, yesterday. The Unification Church organized the biggest mass wedding in a decade, which some 14,000 people from around the world attended.

Finland eyes semiautomatic handgun ban

REPORT A Finnish government commission yesterday proposed a ban on semiautomatic handguns after two school shootings in recent years left 20 people dead.

The ban, which needs parliamentary approval, would sharply reduce the number of legal weapons in a country that ranks among the world's top five in civilian gun ownership.

"We've had a very weapon-friendly culture," commission chairman Pekka Sauri said. "In carrying out the proposals we would, of course, pay compensation to anyone who turns in weapons."

The nation of 5.3 million

"We've had a very weapon-friendly culture."

Pekka Sauri, commission chairman has 650,000 licensed gun owners. Of some 250,000 handguns, more than 200,000 are semiautomatic, according to Sauri.

The recommendation came in a report on an attack in September 2008, when a 22-year-old gunman killed nine fellow students and a teacher before shooting himself at a vocational high school in Kauhajoki, western Finland.

Less than a year earlier, a teenage student fatally shot eight people and himself at Jokela High School in Tuusula, near the capital, Helsinki.

Both gunmen shot themselves in the head and used similar handguns in the massacres. They had both been teased at school.

The report said the gunman in Kauhajoki "used a self-loading or semiautomatic firearm, which was small-calibre but still capable of inflicting serious damage," and recommended that "only guns that do not allow the easy infliction of such carnage be available for hobby purposes."

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News in brief

AUSTRALIA A Colombian woman declared dead of a heart attack moved one of her arms just as an undertaker was about to embalm her, doctors said yesterday. Noelia Serna, 45, who has multiple sclerosis, survived for about 10 hours on life support after the initial attack, but then seemingly didn't respond to resuscitation efforts following a second attack.

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Agency to probe Kodak complaint

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Business

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WestJet holding steady

Airline continues to look south for profits

WestJet Airlines Ltd. will be adding capacity to sunny holiday spots abroad in the face of expected continuing pressure on fares it can charge within Canada.

During the first quarter of 2010, the Calgary-based carrier will direct upwards of 40 per cent of its capacity toward the transborder market, especially southern locations, as the strong Canadian dollar encourages consumers to go on vacation.

"We're also seeing some great pricing from our partners in the hotel business and we're able to pass along some of those savings," said WestJet chief executive officer Sean Durfy during a conference call to discuss fourth-quarter results.

(But) I still am seeing some softness domestically and we are still seeing tremendous pricing pressure in the industry."

Despite the worst economic downturn in decades, Westjet ended 2009 with its 19th consecutive profitable quarter, though earnings and revenue were sharply lower than in the fourth quarter of 2008.

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Google's Buzz draws heat

TECH A privacy watchdog group complained to U.S. regulators on Tuesday about Google's new Buzz social networking service, saying it violates federal consumer protection law.

The Electronic Privacy Information Centre filed its complaint with the Federal Trade Commission just days after Google Inc.

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altered the service to address mounting privacy concerns.

Since launching Google Buzz as part of Gmail a week ago, the search company has come under fire for automatically creating public circles of friends for users based on their most frequent Gmail contacts.

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Rogers reports high profit

Rogers Communications Inc.'s fast-growing wireless division — seller of Apple's iPhone and other smartphones — helped push up revenues as the company reported a fourth-quarter profit of \$310 million.

Revenue from wireless

data for services like email, texting and Internet surfing, contributed almost 25 per cent of Rogers revenues in the most recent quarter, Rogers said yesterday.

"It's no longer in any way, shape or form a trivial part of the business," Rogers Wireless president Rob

Bruce said during a conference call.

"It's absolutely the growth engine of the wireless business," he said.

Rogers also announced yesterday that it is hiking its dividend and renewing a stock buyback program that will allow the Toronto-

based company to cancel up to \$1.5 billion worth of its publicly traded B shares in the coming year.

UBS analyst Phillip Huang said Rogers had good results and noted it issued conservative guidance against "high expectations."

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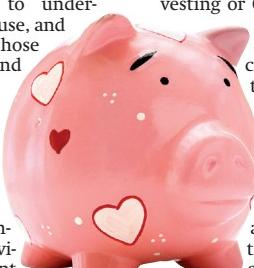
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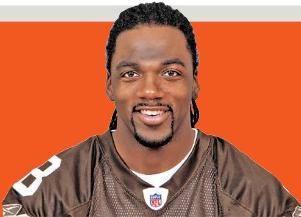
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Darko dealt to Timberwolves

The New York Knicks traded Darko Milicic yesterday to the Minnesota Timberwolves, perhaps the former No. 2 overall pick's final stop before he returns to Europe. The Timberwolves sent Brian Cardinal to New York and received cash considerations along with Milicic. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports



Stallworth catches on with Ravens

The Baltimore Ravens say they have signed wide receiver Donte' Stallworth, left, to a one-year contract. Stallworth was recently released by the Cleveland Browns after being reinstated by the NFL following a one-year suspension. He was suspended for violating the league's personal-conduct policy for a DUI vehicular manslaughter charge.

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Copeland traded to Argonauts

Jim Barker and Jeremaine Copeland are together again.

The Toronto Argonauts acquired slotback Copeland from the Calgary Stampeders yesterday for receiver P.K. Sam. The move reunited Barker and Copeland for the fourth time, and the good news for Argos fans is the two were part of championship-winning squads all three previous times together (2001 Los Angeles XFL; 2002 Grey Cup, Montreal Alouettes; 2008 Grey Cup, Calgary Stampeders).

"It's always good to reunite with Coach B," Copeland said via telephone from Calgary. "Three times we've been together we've created championship teams and I don't see why anything can change now going out to Toronto, so I'm

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looking forward to the change."

The Argos hired Barker as their head coach earlier this month, giving him the immense task of rebuilding a franchise that posted a CFL-worst 3-15 record last year. The team also missed the playoffs the last two seasons.

Barker, who came to Toronto after five seasons in Calgary's front office, said adding Copeland will make the Double Blue better.

Last season, the six-foot-two, 202-pound Copeland was a CFL all-star after finishing fifth overall in receiving with 81 catches for 1,235 yards and 12 TDs for Calgary. Over nine seasons in Canada, Copeland has surpassed the 1,000-yard receiving plateau five times and has 72 career TD catches.

The six-foot-three, 210-pound Sam has spent the last two seasons with Toronto. He rejoined the squad midway through the year after being released by the NFL's Buffalo Bills and recorded 27 catches 385 yards and two TDs for the Argos, who missed the CFL playoffs last season for the second straight year.

However, Sam is only 26, six years Copeland's junior.

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The Stampeders have traded Jeremaine Copeland, left.

Sports in brief

NBA The agent for Amare Stoudemire says he expects the all-star forward to be traded by today's 3 p.m. ET deadline, with Cleveland and Miami the most likely destinations.

SOCCER Porto took advantage of two goalkeeping blunders to beat Arsenal 2-1 in the Champions League yesterday.

DRUNK DRIVING Injured Edmonton Oilers goalie Nikolai Khabibulin has been arrested in Arizona and charged with drunk driving. Police in Scottsdale say they stopped a black Ferrari for speeding Feb. 8.

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Lincecum, Giants finalize deal

Tim Lincecum and the San Francisco Giants have finalized their \$23-million US, two-year contract that avoided salary arbitration. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Toronto Raptor Chris Bosh scrambles with Memphis Grizzlies Mike Conley for a loose ball during first-half action at the Air Canada Centre last night.

Raptors fall short in OT

NBA RESULTS

Grizzlies 109 Raptors 102



The Toronto Raptors overcame a slow start yesterday, but Rudy Gay was nearly perfect at the end for Memphis.

The Grizzlies scored the game's first 13 points and Gay had 29 in total, including eight in overtime, as Memphis beat Toronto 109-102, snapping the Raptors' eight-game home winning streak.

"When you feel good

about something, you just keep going to it," said Gay, who made four of five shots in OT. "I felt good and I made the best of it."

Chris Bosh led the way for Toronto with 32 points.

It looked like the Raptors (29-24) were going to keep their home magic going when Andrea Bargnani hit a hook shot with 1:16 to play and Bosh hit a 15-foot jumper to give them a 97-92 lead with 37.9 left.

But after a timeout, the Grizzlies (27-26) came back with O.J. Mayo's three-pointer with 32.6 seconds to play. Raptors head coach Jay Triano blames the basket on "missed coverage."

"We knew that they were going to go for a three," Triano said. "And we had our coverages. We just didn't react the way we were supposed to."

Bargnani then missed a 21-foot pull-up jumper with 7.9 seconds left. Mike Conley grabbed the rebound and Zach Randolph, playing with five fouls, made the layup off the fast break to tie the game with 1.9 seconds to go.

Gay's fadeaway jumper with 27.9 seconds left in OT made it 107-102 and Mayo made two free throws with 14.5 seconds left to seal it.

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McGwire returns to baseball, offers fresh apology

CARDINALS Mark McGwire's first day on the job began with a wrong turn into the media room instead of the spring training clubhouse. It ended with another apology for steroid use.

The St. Louis Cardinals' new batting coach spent time in the batting cage with hitters, sat in on a lengthy staff meeting and then answered questions

from reporters for more than 15 minutes. He left more than six hours later yesterday, but not before signing several autographs.

The 46-year-old McGwire seemed at ease in his first extended media availability since admitting a month ago that he used steroids and human growth hormone during his remarkable home run power surge

in the 1990s. Echoing remarks he made in January, several times he asked for forgiveness as he seeks to rehabilitate a tarnished image.

"It's something I regret," McGwire said. "I can't say I'm sorry enough to everybody in baseball and across America, and whoever watches this great game."

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Teemu Selanne has tied the all-time scoring record in the Olympic Games. The Finnish forward assisted on Olli Jokinen's first-period goal against Belarus yesterday, giving him 36 points. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Vancouver Games

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St-Gelais races her way to silver

Short-track team just misses winning two medals

Canada's powerhouse short-track speedskating team is on the board at the Winter Olympics.

Marianne St-Gelais of St-Felicien, Que., raced to a silver medal in the women's 500 metres yesterday at Pacific Coliseum.

Chinese star Wang Meng cruised to gold in 43.048 seconds.

St-Gelais finished in 43.707 while Arianna Fontana of Italy took the bronze in 43.804.

"I just felt the greatest emotion of my life," said Charles Hamelin, St-Gelais' boyfriend and the top medal contender on the Canadian team.

"I don't think I could have felt better if it was me winning the medal."

Hamelin was in the back, surrounded by journalists, watching the race on TV when she crossed the finish line.

Canada missed a chance at two medals after Jessica

Gregg of Edmonton finished fourth in 44.204.

Canada's top sprinter, Kalyna Roberge of St-Etienne-de-Lauzon, Que., failed to make it to the medal race. She was fourth in the event four years ago at the Turin Games.

Roberge and St-Gelais had a long embrace after the race.

Canada failed to make the podium on the first day of the Olympic short-track competition. The

team is aiming for six medals at the Games.

In the men's 1,000-metre elimination heats, brothers Charles and Francois Hamelin advanced to the quarter-finals.

Charles Hamelin briefly held the Olympic record yesterday, but it was beaten a few heats later by South Korea's Sung Si-Bak.

Nicolas Bean of Ottawa also advanced for the Italian team. He passed Travis Jayner of Riverview, N.B.,

Long-track speedskater Davis defends 1,000-metre gold

CHAMP American Shani Davis defended his Olympic title in the men's 1,000-metre long-track speedskating competition, while Canadian Denny Morrison finished a disappointing 13th yesterday.

The world-record holder in the event, Davis finished first in one minute 8.94 seconds.

South Korea's Mo Tae-Bum, who won gold earlier this week in the 500 metres, was second in 1:09.12. American Chad Hedrick took the bronze in 1:09.32.

Morrison, from Fort St. John, B.C., finished 13th

in 1:10.30, while veteran teammate Jeremy Wotherspoon was 14th in his final Olympic race with a time of 1:10.35.

This was expected to be the first of three medals for Morrison at the Vancouver Games and he will need to get his head straight for the 1,500 on Saturday.

"It'll linger for about 10 minutes," he said. "I'll get back to the change room, maybe throw around some things. But I have to use it for the 1,500, obviously I want to get on the podium there."

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Women's downhill Gold for Vonn



Gold medallist Lindsey Vonn, right, and silver medallist Julia Mancuso, of the U.S., wave their country's flag yesterday as they celebrate after the women's downhill.

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Chan wakes up to face daunting challenge

FIGURE SKATING Patrick Chan went back to his room Tuesday night, watched some TV and had no trouble falling asleep.

Yesterday morning was like waking up to lousy weather.

Reality had rolled in like dark clouds.

"I just kind of woke up this morning in a crappy mood," said the 19-year-old from Toronto.

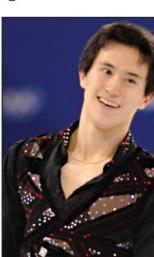
Chan, who arrived in Vancouver lugging the heavy expectations as one of Canada's top medal contenders in figure skating, finds himself having to claw back from a disappointing seventh-place finish in Tuesday's short

program.

He needs the skate of his life today to have any shot at the podium.

He was back on the practice ice at Trout Lake yesterday morning, hoping to shake off the effects of his disheartening short program that had him numb with disbelief only a few hours earlier.

Chan takes comfort in Jeffrey Buttle's performance at the 2006 Olympics in Italy — in sixth place after stumbling through his short program, the Canadian battled back to win a bronze medal.



Patrick Chan

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What to watch today
TV Highlights

10 a.m.: Men's curling
Canada vs. Sweden (Sportsnet).

11:20 a.m.: Biathlon
Women's 15 km individual gold medal (TSN).

1 p.m.: Men's hockey
U.S. vs. Norway (Sportsnet).

1:30 p.m.: Alpine skiing
Women's super combined slalom gold medal (TSN).

2 p.m.: Speedskating
Women's long track 1,000 m gold medal (CTV).

2:20 p.m.: Biathlon
Men's 20 km individual gold medal (OLN).

3 p.m.: Women's curling
Canada vs. Germany (TSN).

3:30 p.m.: Women's hockey
U.S. vs. Finland (Sportsnet).

5:30 p.m.: Men's hockey
Men's hockey Switzerland vs. Canada (CTV).

6 p.m.: Figure skating
Men's free skate gold medal (Sportsnet).

7 p.m.: Snowboarding
Women's halfpipe gold medal (Sportsnet).

8 p.m.: Men's curling
Canada vs. France (Sportsnet).

10 p.m.: Men's curling
9 p.m. PT (midnight ET): Men's hockey Slovakia vs. Russia (TSN).

VANCOUVER GAMES

MedalCount

NATION	1	2	3	TOTAL
U.S.	5	3	6	14
Germany	3	4	3	10
South Korea	3	2	0	5
Switzerland	3	0	1	4
France	2	1	4	7
CANADA	2	3	1	6
China	2	1	1	4
Sweden	2	0	0	2
Austria	1	2	2	5
Norway	1	2	2	5
Russia	1	1	1	3
Slovakia	1	1	0	2
Czech Republic	1	0	1	2
Netherlands	1	0	0	1
Italy	0	1	3	4
Poland	0	2	0	2

On the web

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Hockey game gets big ratings

Team Canada's 8-0 rout over Norway at the Vancouver Olympics on Tuesday netted an average audience of 6.2 million Canadians, says CTV. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

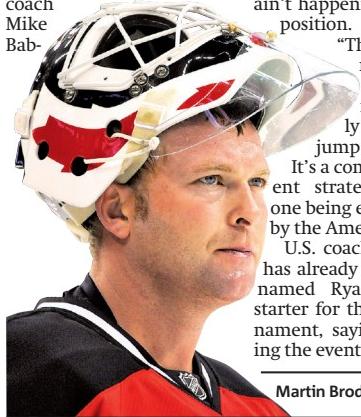


Rested and ready, Brodeur to make first start as Canada battles Swiss

HOCKEY Martin Brodeur was perfectly happy watching Team Canada's first game from the end of the bench.

After seeing counterpart Roberto Luongo shut out Norway in the opener, the veteran goaltender will get his first action in this Olympic men's hockey tournament against Switzerland today (CTV, 5:30 p.m. MT).

Brodeur fully supported coach Mike Babcock.



cock's decision to give both goalies some work early in the event.

"It's important that you keep both guys still alive in the competition," he said after practice yesterday.

"Injuries, a lot of things happen. It's a quick tournament, it's a quick turnaround. Emotionally, goalies, we're fragile. If you go out and you just put a guy aside and say 'well it ain't happening,' it's a bad position."

"The other goalie needs to be fresh and ready mentally to maybe jump in there."

It's a completely different strategy from the one being employed here by the Americans.

U.S. coach Ron Wilson has already come out and named Ryan Miller his starter for the whole tournament, saying he's treating the event like a "playoff

Martin Brodeur

run."

Brodeur has seen both sides of the coin during his three previous trips to the Olympics. During the Nagano Games in 1998, he didn't see the ice while Patrick Roy got all the starts; in 2002 and 2006, he split time with Curtis Joseph and Luongo, respectively.

Babcock hinted he's already decided who will be the team's No. 1 guy beyond the Switzerland game, but declined to share his strategy with the media.

Brodeur gave no indication he'd been informed of the coach's plan.

"We all sacrifice ourselves to be here," said Brodeur.

"You've got guys playing 15 minutes instead of playing 22 minutes. I've played 58 games this year and I might not play another game. Who knows?"

"When I signed in for this, I knew exactly what I was getting into."

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Angel of Death just one of many designs

HELMETS Three years ago, skeleton slider Patrick Shannon skidded too low into a whipsaw curve in Koenigssee, Germany, swooped up the track at maximum warp, and violently T-boned the ice wall.

He cracked his helmet, broke his jaw, and smashed his hip. There were ice burns all over his body and his face needed stitches.

He cheated death that day — so naturally he painted it on his helmet.

The result is a leering white skull highlighted in metallic green (to remind him of the green of Ireland) on a jet-black background.

His helmet is just one of many designs painted, airbrushed or taped on the lids of the world's skeleton sliders, who begin their quest for Olympic gold today with the first two of four heats on the Whistler Sliding Centre track.

Shannon said after the



Canada's Jeff Pain starts his run earlier this week during men's skeleton training at the Whistler Sliding Centre at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games in Whistler.

crash he was sitting at home wondering what to paint on the crown of his new helmet.

"I had a poster with the Grim Reaper as a skeleton figure, holding a scythe. So I thought, 'Angel of Death. Fantastic. I have to do it.'"

Calgary slider Jeff Pain, now in his third and final Olympic Games, was the painting trailblazer for Canada.

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He saw American skeleton racer Jim Shea Jr., the gold medal winner at Salt Lake in 2002, with the American eagle on his helmet. "I saw that and thought it was kind of a cool idea. I added the Canadian humour to it and created the Raging Beaver."

Pain will again use a slightly altered beaver helmet during these Games.

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Canada's Bernard beats Japan to improve to 2-0

CURLING The flair for the dramatic that Cheryl Bernard showed at the Canadian Olympic curling trials in Edmonton is back on display at the Winter Games in Vancouver.

Bernard notched her second consecutive win to

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start the women's Olympic curling tournament yesterday with a 7-6 decision

over Japan's Moe Meguro.

The Calgary skip trailed 6-5 heading into the 10th end, but took out a Japanese rock with her hammer, scoring two and sending more than 5,000 boisterous fans into a frenzy.

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Cherie Piper scores Canada's third goal against Sweden yesterday in a 13-1 romp.

Swedish women become latest victims of Canada

KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Canada

Another hockey game, another trouncing.

Canada's women's team outshot, out-skated and outplayed Sweden to a 13-1 victory yesterday, in what was supposed to be a more evenly-matched game than its blowouts over Switzerland and Slovakia.

Both teams were undefeated in the tournament leading up to the game.

But the Canadians dominated yesterday's game early on, securing a comfortable 5-0 lead in the first period and scoring seven more goals by the end of the second.

Swedish goalie Kim Martin could do little with the endless barrage of shots

and was pulled halfway through the second.

The third period was more evenly played, with both teams getting nine

"(Canada was) completely better in all moments of the game."

Peter Elander, Sweden head coach

But by then,

the damage was done.

"(Canada) skated faster, passed better and had better shooting," said Peter Elander, head coach of Team Sweden. "They were completely better in all moments of the game. We're not satisfied with our game at all."

Canadian head coach Melody Davidson said she's worried that blowouts like

this may lead the IOC to conclude there isn't a deep enough talent pool to warrant the inclusion of women's hockey in future Games. "We have a job to do here and we work hard all year to put together a team that can do that

job," Davidson said. "(But) we're still conflicted, there's no two ways about it."

The question now isn't whether Canada will medal, but how it will do against the United States, its only legitimate rival and a team looking to reclaim the gold it won in 1998. The gold medal game is set for Feb. 25.

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DIY Chalet

Ever dream of having your own warm nook to watch the winter weather go by?

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The notion of a ski chalet can be kind of silly for those of us who live in hill-challenged places, let alone anywhere remotely mountainous.

But still, we try. Some of us are actually people who love the winter, who physically engage in winter, and who enjoy the look of snow and ice sparkling in the trees on a frigid, sunny day.

But you do need a warm place from which to enjoy the view, a place to warm up after skiing, snowboarding or snowshoeing. And where better to do this than a chalet?

I know some of you are thinking you'd rather be on a beach. Not a bad idea either, but still, I've always had a soft spot for the idea of a chalet — a cozy place for drinks with friends, firelight and stomach-warming cheese fondues, après ski.

The idea of a rustic chalet may seem cheesy, and I can concur that I've

seen some pretty dated, kitschy-looking chalets. But it doesn't have to be tacky. It can, in fact, be spectacular.

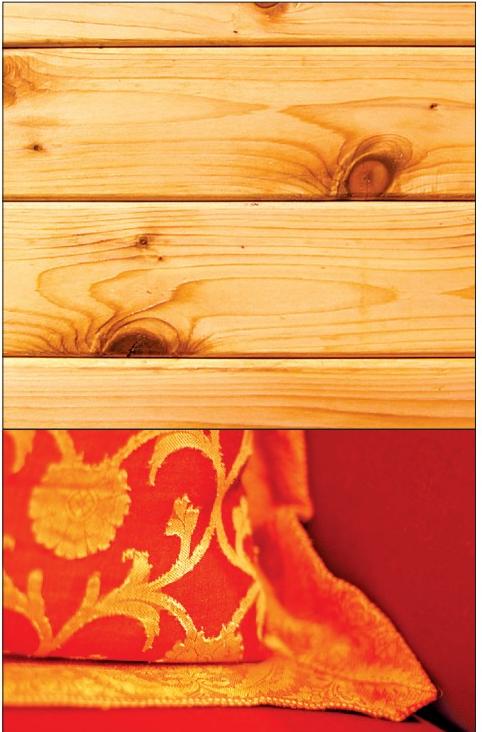
If you're a winter-lover and you do end up with a chalet (you never know) — do one thing for me: Don't attempt the faux Swiss look. The thing about a chalet is that it should launch you into the great wintery outdoors in your own locality, and guess what? You don't live in Switzerland.

Instead, use local materials to make the connection to the environment just outside your window, such as stone for the fireplace, and local wood for paneling. That way, it looks as if it belongs.

Keep the look light and airy, and avoid fussy or formal finishes. Use muted tones or white on the wall. Avoid too much dark or vibrant colour, or bright, shiny finishes. Remember a chalet should be simple and casual, a place to focus on relaxation and the great outdoors.

Avoid "art" or too many decorations — informal, locally-themed items, such as framed local ski trail maps or antique ski posters or photos are best.

Rustic wood (usually cedar or pine) on the walls has traditionally



Rustic wood and deep warm colours are perfect for your own chalet.

been used to give a "chalet feel". To avoid a dated look, try using it horizontally as wainscoting, or panel the ceiling. Exposed wooden ceiling or support beams in natural wood continue to look great.

Casual wooden furniture and cabinets in natural, lightly stained or whitewashed wood is a good choice. Weathered barnboard can look sharp when combined with other natural finishes such as non-polished limestone, slate or soapstone.

Hulstbery and other fabrics (drapes, rugs) add

warmth, especially if warm, rich colours are used. Checks and stripes or subtle plaids work, as do muted solids. Use plenty of throws and cushions on sofas and armchairs.

Hard-wearing stone or porcelain in natural textures and colours works well in the entrance area. Rustic wood flooring with plenty of rugs in simple patterns work everywhere else.

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Chalet tips

- A large front closet or store-room with plenty of hooks to dry out and store all things recreational is a must to avoid messy clutter in the front hall.
- If you plan to entertain a lot, extra sleeping space and a bathroom for guests is handy, as well as a kitchen with plenty of counter space.
- An outdoor hot tub, if you can do it, is a fabulous indulgence.
- A large and well-appointed bathroom is one feature that is always appreciated. A Jacuzzi tub or a sauna to help work out aches and pains after a day on the slopes is luxury. If you splurge anywhere, it should be here.

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The spring '10 Dolce & Gabbana show was a return to the brand's roots. Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana (inset) are the founders of the 25-year-old Sicilian luxury label.

D&G embrace the digital age

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News

Last October, Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana put on one of the most talked-about women's wear shows of the season.

It was a full-on extravaganza, with a show stopping crimson and black collection that looked to the brand's Sicilian heritage. It was also a definitive moment in fashion's relationship to the Internet, complete with a front row featuring some of the industry's most popular bloggers and an elaborate high-tech production that projected the show's backstage happenings on giant screens. Weeks and weeks worth of gossipy Tweets, hyper-analytical newspaper "think pieces" and magazine trend stories ensued.

Four months later, the designers opened up to us about their connection with the past and their newfound obsession with the digital future.

Milan Fashion Week starts Feb. 25

Q Many fashion designers have tried to grasp the blogosphere, but few have embraced it the way you have. What prompted you to seat bloggers in your front row last season and were you surprised by the reaction?

A Domenico Dolce: I was born in Polizzi

Generosa, a small town in Sicily. My father was a tailor and my mother had a shop where she sold clothing, fabrics and curtains; it was like an emporium. Since she was very busy with her job, she brought my cradle to my father's tailoring studio. So I grew up among needles and threads. I didn't play with soldiers and car toys, but with clothes. I made my first pair of trousers when I was only seven years old.

Stefano Gabbana: I didn't study fashion and my family was involved in something completely different. I started my career studying graphic design. I got my degree and after six months of work I understood that graphic design wasn't what I wanted. On the contrary, I loved fashion, even if I wasn't very familiar with it.

thing you have to move forward with it even if this means breaking the rules. We had good feedback, even though we were expecting these strong kinds of reactions. We were also surprised by the amount of people who watched the pre-show diaries on our website.

Q What are your favourite websites?

A SG: ... For my gossip fix I go to Perez Hilton... DD: ...and the fashion blogs of course. We love Bryan Boy, The Sartorialist and Garance Doré.

Q Does the Internet influence the way you work at all?

A SG: The Internet doesn't influence our way of working, but our way of communicating. It's so fast and quick, handy and immediate.

Q Your last women's collection and your most recent men's collection seemed to return to your roots, would you agree?

A DD: With this collection we wanted to go back to the Dolce & Gabbana DNA. Both ... collections can be summed up in three words: Sicily, tailoring and tradition.

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Designer Vera Wang debuted her "The Bride Wore Black" collection this week at New York Fashion Week. Wang was drawn to the shade because it's "a contemporary metaphor for youth, romance and sophistication." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wang's black collection



Layering was a strong theme at Mercedes-Benz New York Fashion Week. The Rodarte collection, left, showcased this trend with lots of chunky knits. Fashion Week ends today.

Mix & match

Layering and the merging of materials were strong trends at New York Fashion Week

Can't decide what to wear? Pile it all on.

Layering was a key trend at New York Fashion Week with a mix of fabrics that created a textured look. A few designers like Peter Som and Alexander Wang showed models who looked like they'd thrown on everything in the closet all at once.

Another trend was the contrasting sleeve, using a different material than the rest of the outfit, a look featured at Chris Benz and Derek Lam, among other shows.

Rodarte

The theme of this collection was the hazy state of consciousness that comes between sleep and being awake. Lovely, lace-draped dresses in a light, almost dusty palette captured the feeling of vintage lingerie and wallpaper prints, but there was something weighing on them, too — a seriousness, a respect.

The chunky knits, sometimes with yarn fringe, were just on the right side of looking well loved and worn in, yet luxurious in a way that a designer collection demands.

"The draped dresses in gauze and lace were spectacular," said Ikram Goldman, the Chicago retailer who advises first lady Michelle Obama on her wardrobe.

Elie Tahari

Enough with dressing down, declared Elie Tahari this week at NYFW. "The customer is looking for glamorous clothes. People want to dress up and look good," the designer said. For his collection, Tahari drew

"The customer is looking for glamorous clothes. People want to dress up and look good ... It's all the texture and layers that makes it interesting."

Designer Elie Tahari

inspiration from the chic traveler. "She mixes textures, furs and wears hot over-the-knee boots. It's all the texture and layers that makes it interesting and look new and exciting," he said in an interview.

The layering piece of choice was a long, lean vest, sometimes in wool, sometimes in fur. It could be worn over just about anything from denim to dresses.

Dresses were cut a little closer to the body, perfect to fit under the asymmetrical wool coat with ruffles running vertically down one side or the fur trench.

Nicole Miller

Nicole Miller must have always had a tough spirit inside her — how else could she have lasted so long in the fashion business? — but it's only in her most recent collections that you see that aggressiveness in the clothes.

The scarf-print dresses of yesteryear are gone, replaced by body-hugging dresses, biker shorts and leather leggings.

Seemingly second-skin dresses with tightly pleated tulle might be intimidating to a wearer at first, but probably are quite flattering.

"Black is the signature colour; also camouflage and hints of brick, olive and ash with abstracted references to New York," Miller wrote

in her notes.

Zac Posen

Zac Posen, the former flashy showman, who has recently chronicled in the press his struggles to lead a viable business, turned out a mostly understated, chic collection.

As wild as it got here were some copper metallics, pink-dot prints and magenta-colored fur.

One of the best looks of Posen's was a longer-length magenta velvet jacket with grosgrain trim, a black silk blouse and a short, magenta godet skirt that gave just a little lift to the silhouette.

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The Row show

- Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen presented their collection The Row to a small group of fashion insiders this week at New York Fashion Week. The small show, held far away from the Bryant Park tents in a gallery space, showcased a quite serious and sophisticated collection. Most of the collection was black.

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Strange Brew on TV

Laurie Metcalf intends to make Strange Brew. She will star in the Fox comedy pilot about a mother of four who must balance her recent sobriety with her duties for the family-run company: A brewery. [TVGUIDE.COM](#)

Entertainment

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Lucky number

Taylor Swift is "obsessed" with the number 13. The hitmaker has reportedly been talked out of getting a tattoo of her favourite digit etched onto her arm.

[FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](#)

Page steps out of comfort zone

Art Of Time Ensemble With Steven Page

Album: A Singer Must Die
Label: Pheromone Records
Rating: 

AN ONGOING CONCEPT, Toronto's Art Of Time Ensemble commingle classical abilities with contemporary music and popular artists — this time former Barenaked Lady Steven Page — to re-imagine a number of songs. With A Singer Must Die, the collective's take on Page's selections are broad and sincere. The Mountain Goats' Lion's Teeth boasts bold theatricality, Elvis Costello's I



Want You is serene while grandiose best defines Page's own Running Out Of Ink. Yes, some tracks are outright odd (Weakethans/Radiohead) with Page reaching beyond his abilities and the ensemble becoming too extravagant but overall the union works, pushing Page outside of comfort zones.

Keith Carman/for Metro Canada

Peter Gabriel

Album: Scratch My Back
Label: Universal
Rating: 

AFTER GIVING US only two albums in the last 20 years, Peter Gabriel's



Former Barenaked Ladies frontman Steven Page teamed up with the Art Of Time Ensemble for his solo project, A Singer Must Die.

fans may be wondering why they had to wait so long for an album of covers. But after surprising people last year by name-dropping himself on his cover of Vampire Weekend's Cape Cod Kwassa

Kwassa, Gabriel finishes the job with songs by Arcade Fire, Radiohead, Bon Iver and Magnetic Fields, along with oldies like Lou Reed and Neil Young. Gabriel's quest for relevance produces some in-

teresting and even arresting results, but hearing one dour, orchestral arrangement after another fails to match the monkey-shocking range of his past. A disappointment considering the potential.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

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take a page from the '60s stars, but they tackle Sloan, Midlake and other catchy rock acts too. It's all singable stuff, but Blood Cops, with its soaring Thrush Hermit-like chorus and layered "la la" vocals is a must hear.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Yukon Blonde

Album: Yukon Blonde
Label: Nevado
Rating: 

COUNTLESS BANDS TRY to pull off CSNY, but only few do it well.

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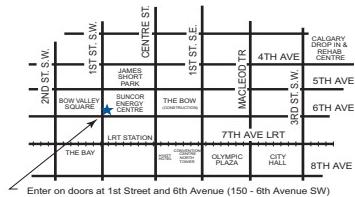
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Taryn Manning is the latest to sign on to CBS' Hawaii Five-O remake. Manning joins previously announced stars Alex O'Loughlin and Lost's Daniel Dae Kim. [TVGUIDE.COM](#)



Judges, from left, Simon Cowell, Ellen DeGeneres, Kara DioGuardi and Randy Jackson hold court on Fox TV's American Idol.

Judges send 7 to Idol's Top 24 heaven

TALENT CONTEST Seven American Idol contestants can stop worrying, for now: They're in the top 24.

The Fox TV singing contest revealed the first of the lucky semifinalists on Tuesday's show. They are:

Didi Benami, 23, of Los Angeles; Lee Dewyze, 23, Mount Prospect, Ill.; Katelyn Epperly, 19, West Des Moines, Iowa; Aaron Kelly, 16, Sonestown, Pa.; Casey James, 27, Fort Worth, Texas; Todrick Hall, 24, Arlington, Texas; and Michael "Big Mike" Lynch, 26, of Astoria, N.Y.

The other 17 semifinalists chosen by the show's four-judge panel were set to be revealed on Wednesday's episode in the culmination of Hollywood Week auditions.

Sentiment ruled Tuesday among the few who emerged from the remaining field of 71 contestants.

Lynch, who last week was shown listening in by cellphone as his wife gave birth to their daughter, had a message for the newborn: "Coming to take care of you. Big Daddy's coming."

Benami said she was competing with an "angel" on her side, her late best friend.

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'Heartless jerks': Palin's daughter to Family Guy

Sarah Palin is lashing out at the portrayal of a character with Down syndrome on the Fox animated comedy Family Guy.

In a Facebook posting headlined "Fox Hollywood — What a Disappointment," the 2008 Republican vice-presidential nominee and current Fox News contributor said Sunday night's episode felt like

"another kick in the gut." Palin's youngest son, Trig, has Down syndrome.

The episode features the character Chris falling for a girl with Down syndrome. On a date, he asks what her parents do.

She replies: "My dad's an accountant, and my mom is the former governor of Alaska."

Palin resigned as Alaska

governor last summer.

Palin's oldest daughter, Bristol, also was quoted Palin

on her mother's Facebook page, calling the show's writers "heartless jerks."

"When you're the son or



daughter of a public figure, you have to develop thick skin. My siblings and I all have that, but insults directed at our youngest brother hurt too much for us to remain silent," she is quoted as saying.

"If the writers of a particularly pathetic cartoon show thought they were being clever in mocking my brother and my family yes-

terday, they failed," Bristol Palin added in the Monday posting. "All they proved is that they're heartless jerks."

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McQueen hanged himself

Coroner's inquest points to designer's suicide

Alexander McQueen hanged himself in his apartment on the eve of his mother's funeral after leaving behind a note, a coroner's inquest said yesterday in the first confirmation of details of the fashion designer's death.

The inquest — which has yet to formally rule McQueen's death a suicide — opened as London Fashion Week prepared to mark the passing of one of British fashion's brightest stars.

Coroner's official Lynda

Martindill told the inquest at Westminster Coroners Court that 40-year-old McQueen died from asphyxiation and hanging.

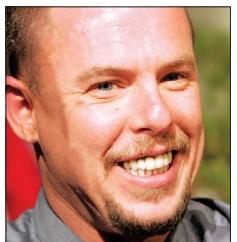
Days before his body was found last Thursday, McQueen had left several messages on the social networking site Twitter revealing his grief at the death of his mother days earlier.

The designer's body was found in the armoire at his London apartment and was formally identified by his sister, Janet.

Police detective inspector Paul Armstrong told the inquest there were no suspicious circumstances.

After a five-minute hearing, coroner Paul Knapman adjourned the inquest until April 28. McQueen's family, who are now free to hold the designer's funeral, issued a statement through their lawyers appealing to the media to respect their privacy.

In Britain, inquests are held whenever someone dies violently or in unex-



Alexander McQueen

plained circumstances.

McQueen's death has cast a shadow over London Fashion Week, which opens Friday. A spokeswoman said the event would feature a tribute to the designer, whose attention-grabbing designs helped re-energize British fashion after a fallow period following the punk explosion in the 1970s.

"There will be something simple and tasteful," she said. "The time for memorials will be later in the year."

She spoke on condition of anonymity because organizers are waiting for McQueen's family to approve the tribute.

Known for his dramatic statement pieces and impeccable tailoring, McQueen dressed celebrities from Cameron Diaz to Lady Gaga and influenced a generation of designers.

The son of a cab driver, McQueen grew up on a public housing estate in London's East End, left school at 16 and entered the fashion world the old-fashioned way, as a teenage apprentice to a Saville Row tailor.

He later studied at Central St. Martin's art college in London and was discovered by fashion guru Isabella Blow, who bought his entire graduation collection. She became a friend and mentor; her suicide three years ago shook the designer, who wept openly at her funeral.

McQueen was a private man who avoided the lime-light but his Twitter postings show emotional turmoil after his mother's death on Feb. 2. McQueen had posted messages four days before his death about his "awful week," and said he had to "somehow pull myself together and finish."

His mother's funeral was held the day after McQueen died.

Friends also said he might have felt under pressure to outdo himself at the unveiling of his spring collection in Paris next month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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(Family Guy episode) another kick in the gut.

Sarah Palin

Pairing problems

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Most of us turn to hearty stews and warming foods

to get us through the winter months. I recently discovered Ethiopian food fits that bill perfectly.

The family-run Fassil is busy with African patrons but welcoming to all. It's the place to go for first-timers and Ethiopian food fans alike. An easy primer: wot means stew, and tibs means grilled meat.

All dishes are served on and with injera, a large pancake made from fermented teff flour which gives it a slight sour taste like sourdough. There are no utensils. You rip off a

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piece of injera and scoop up the stews and meats with it.

Yeberie tibs (\$12) are tender sautéed beef with onions, green chiles, and bell peppers and infused with niter kibbeh, a clarified butter simmered with spices. The chicken meat falls off the bone in the doro wot (\$13) with a

berberie sauce, a spice mix dominated by powdered chile pepper.

Fassil has lots of vegetarian offerings, including a delicious, slow-burning misr wot (boiled split lentils in ginger, garlic and turmeric sauce) and gomen (spinach with onion, garlic and ginger).

The vegetarian combo (\$12) is a great sampler of five sides, and enough to satisfy one person. But the best way to fully appreciate Ethiopian cuisine is to savour everything slowly with good company.



Ethiopian dishes, including yeberie tibs, are served together on a platter atop injera, a slightly sour pancake, at Fassil

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**Dining out**

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A touchdown in the courtroom

Tila Tequila and ex-boyfriend Shawne Merriman have settled their legal disputes with each other, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Tequila had accused the San Diego Chargers footballer of assaulting her during an altercation at his home in November. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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CelebTweets

LINDSAY LOHAN has her coping techniques, DANNY MASTERS is reminiscing, NEIL GAIMAN is trying to pace himself, and NEIL DIAMOND is looking for a little help.

@lindsaylohan ignoring real world issues/reality

@dannymasterson I miss Heath Ledger.

@neilhimself Knocking off early, otherwise I'll get further into this script and look up and it'll be 6 am again. G'night all & bald Watcher on the Moon.

@NeilDiamond Anybody out there got a funny joke I can send in one tweet?

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**Mayer won't be jumping on Oprah's couch**

DID ANYONE ACTUALLY READ THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE? CONTEXT, PEOPLE John Mayer may need to rehabilitate his image after his remarkably candid Playboy interview, but he won't be able to do it on Oprah Winfrey's couch.

"Oprah is the smartest person on TV and will not let John use her or her show to ask for forgiveness," sources tell People.

"If John really wants to apologize for his racist and sexist comments, he should find somewhere else. The only way Oprah, who is a dear friend of Jennifer Aniston, would ever book him is if John were interested in having a much deeper conversation about race, women and fame."

METRO WORLD NEWS

**A simple wedding****FITTING, AS THEY'RE JUST A COUPLE OF HUMBLE COUNTRY FOLK**

If you are hoping for an over-the-top platinum wedding when Nicole Richie and Joel Madden tie the knot this summer, you should think again. Friends of the couple tell popeater.com to expect a simple classic ceremony — with no Paris Hilton in sight.

"Nicole wants to keep the ceremony close to friends

and family. It will be traditional with a simple white dress and very private," a Richie pal told the website.

"Lionel Richie will give her away. However,

old BFF Paris Hilton will not be a bridesmaid."

The couple, who have been dating since December 2006, are said to have decided it was time to say "I do" following the tragic death of Richie's childhood friend, Casey Johnson.

"The awful event made Nicole realize how happy she was being a mother and how happy she will be to finally call herself a wife," a source added.

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**Nothing gonna keep her down****NOT EVEN A JERKY EX BOYFRIEND. YOU GO, GIRL!**

Rihanna thinks people perceive her to be a "b—," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer says her shy side is often mistaken for rudeness because she isn't always open and chatty when she meets new people.

"I don't really open up to a lot of people, usually I go very quiet," she told WPGC radio.

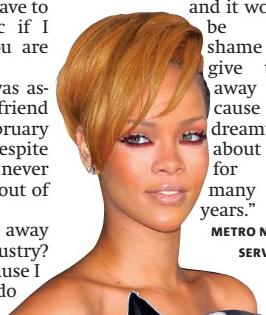
"I just don't feel I have to be that enthusiastic if I don't know who you are yet."

Rihanna — who was assaulted by then-boyfriend Chris Brown last February — also said that, despite the incident, she had never considered stepping out of the public eye.

"If I could step away from the music industry? I'd never do that because I really love what I do

and it would be a shame to give this away because I dreamt about it for so many years."

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**Marriage: great for your sex life****THERE'S NOTHING HOTTER THAN FARTING IN BED AND FLOSSING YOUR TEETH TOGETHER**

Valentine's Day apparently isn't over yet. Celebrating her first wedding anniversary next month, newlywed Natasha Bedingfield is "loving" being a Mrs. and enjoying the perks of being married — including a steamy sex life, reports people.com

"The best thing about be-

ing a married woman is sleeping naked



everyday," Bedingfield said. And still liking the guy that I'm with."

Though clothing may be optional for the British singer-songwriter, 28, she says the romance between her and California businessman husband Matthew Robinson is spicier than ever.

"He keeps the romance alive," she added.

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Locking up every juicy detail**SO THERE ARE WORSE THINGS BEYOND THE HEAD SHAVING, UNDERWEAR SWIMMING AND DRIVING WITH HER BABY IN HER LAP? AWESOME**

Lawyers for Britney Spears are working to have medical records and other personal information for the singer and her two young sons sealed, according to legal papers obtained by TMZ.

"Photographs and personal information, particularly

information of a highly confidential nature (such as personal medical information of Ms. Spears and her children), can potentially reap thousands if not millions of dollars," the documents state.

"The possibility of such enormous profits presents a substantial risk that Ms. Spears' most confidential medical and personal information will be disclosed."

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**Simon calls Mezhgan over****10 POINTS IF YOU CAN SAY HER NAME CORRECTLY ON THE FIRST TRY**

Looks like Simon Cowell finally found someone who can tolerate his criticisms, as the American Idol judge reportedly proposed to girlfriend Mezhgan Hussainy on

Valentine's Day, according to Australia's Herald Sun.

"He wanted to do something unexpected and out of character on Valentine's Day and decided to splash out on a ring," a source says.

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**Gerard does the mambo****HORIZONTAL OR NOT**

A week after celebrating Jennifer Aniston's birthday in Mexico, Gerard Butler was spotted all over Rio de Janeiro this week for Carnival with a selection of attractive women, sources tell Page Six.

First there was a Brazilian soap star and Rita Guedes, followed by a sequin-clad

brunette and newly single Pussycat Dolls singer Nicole Scherzinger, whom Butler chatted up on the beach. While in Brazil, the Scotsman also managed to find time to socialize with Madonna and her companion, Jesus Luz.

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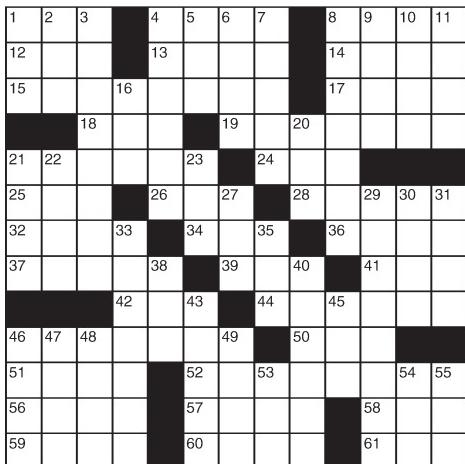


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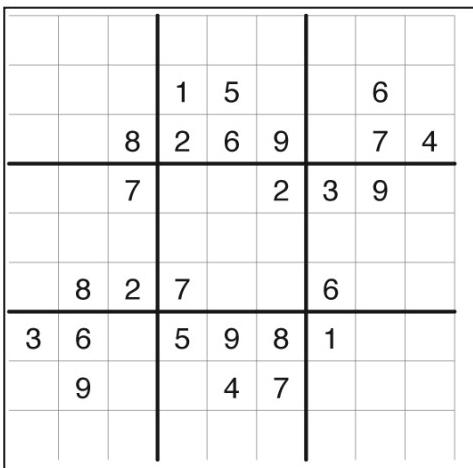
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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20



The Sun enters the most reclusive area of your chart today, so make some time for yourself, if only to sit and think about the direction you want your life to go.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21



If you want to reach your life's goal you have to join forces with those who share similar ambitions.

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22



With the Sun moving into your fellow Water sign of Pisces today the next few weeks are going to be a lot of fun.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21



With the Sun crossing the important midheaven angle of your chart what you do for other people now will be done for you ten times over.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21



It is of the utmost importance that you face up to your responsibilities, especially on the home front where loved ones are counting on you to take the lead.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22



You are advised not to complain too loudly if you are forced to do something against your will over the next 24 hours.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20



Cosmic activity in the most sociable area of your chart means you can charm the birds out of the trees if you want to over the next few days.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23



Financial issues of one sort or another are about to take center stage and you must not let yourself worry about them.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18



The past few weeks have been hectic and the next few weeks won't see much of a slow down either.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22



Do whatever it takes to stay on the right side of loved ones. Fortunately, this should not be too difficult now that the Sun is moving into your opposite sign.

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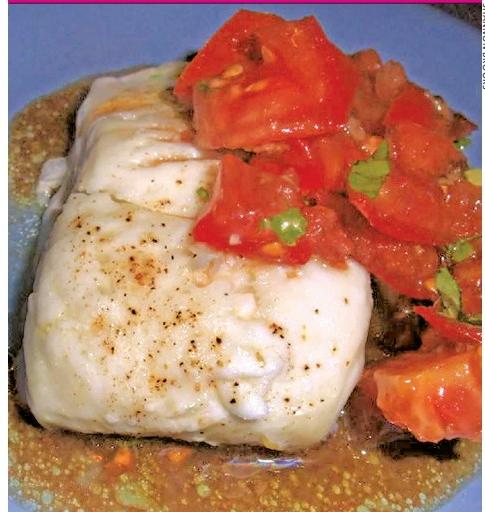
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Metro Recipe of the Day



STOCK NORMAN

Halibut with Fresh Tomato Sauce

Submitted by Tammy Roy, St. Thomas, Ont.

INGREDIENTS:

2 large ripe tomatoes, diced
1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped
3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
1/2 lemon, juice
1 tbsp garlic, minced
4 halibut steaks
3 tbsp vegetable oil
salt and pepper to taste

3. Grill fish over medium-high fire about 5 minutes per side or until fish springs back when pushed with a finger.

4. If a barbecue is not available, cook on hot oil in a skillet for 3 minutes on each side and then put the skillet in the oven and cook for an extra 5-10 minutes.

5. Spoon some tomato sauce on 4 plates.

6. Put fish on sauce.

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